GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION ON SALT PAN LANDS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received a proposal from Mumbai Metropolitan Regional Development Authority (MMRDA), Mumbai for making available Salt Pan Lands for the construction of missing link in Construction of Eastern Freeway from Museum to Anik Junction (Start of APLR) and Anik Panjarpole Link Road;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the Project/issues raised therein by MMRDA; and

(c) the steps taken by the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion to facilitate the outcome of the Project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (c): MMRDA had requested for a 'No Objection Certificate' for construction and development of Eastern Freeway & Anik Panjarpole Link Road (APLR) involving 51,440.79 sq meters of saltpan lands in City Survey No. 144 (Hormoz Salt works) and City Survey No. 210 (Dadkhudai Salt Works) of Wadala, Mumbai. These lands are under order of transfer to Ministry of Urban Development for using them for socio-economic purposes.

As per the request of the State Government of Maharashtra, the Government of India (GOI) had issued a notification on 27-1-1962 to close down certain salt works in the Wadala and Chembur areas in Mumbai. Dadkhudai, Rustom and Hormoz Salt works in Wadala Salt Factory filed civil suits in the Mumbai City Civil Court challenging the above notification and got interim orders restraining the Salt Department, GOI from closing the salt works. Appeals filed by the Salt Department, GOI in the Mumbai High Court have been dismissed. Thus these salt works are functioning on the said salt pan land under perpetual injunction granted by the Mumbai City Civil Court.